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Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also please find a copy of the European Search Report citing these references. The relevance of these references can be seen from the European Search Report.

Please note that the applicant previously submitted one of these references with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 1, 2004 as follows:

1. EP 0 969 599 A, SATO, 01/2000

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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